



Board of County Commissioners

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May 5, 2026

Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

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RE: Request to Name Park Adjacent to Martha B. King Middle School as "Nick Bollettieri Park"

Dear Chair,

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, we respectfully request your consideration in naming the park generally located north of Martha B. King Middle School as "Nick Bollettieri Park." This request reflects strong community support, particularly from residents of Northwest Bradenton.

For generations, these courts have been informally known as the "Bollettieri Tennis Courts," underscoring the lasting local connection to his legacy. Naming the park in his honor would not only recognize his impact on the broader tennis community but also celebrate his meaningful ties to Manatee County and its residents.

We understand that the property is owned by the School District of Manatee County and that any naming action must follow your established procedures. This letter is intended to serve as the Board's formal request to initiate your review and consideration of this proposed name.

We appreciate your partnership and thoughtful consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Tal Siddique
Chairman



Approved in Open Session 5/5/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Naming of King Middle Park to Nick Bollettieri Park

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Siddique, 941-392-1740

Action Requested

Motion to approve a formal letter from the Board of County Commissioners to the Chair of the Manatee County School Board requesting that the park generally located north of Martha B. King Middle School be named “Nick Bollettieri Park,” and to authorize the Chair to sign and transmit said letter.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

With the future opening of a park adjacent to King Middle School, residents have requested that the park be named “Nick Bollettieri Park.” Residents in Northwest Bradenton have long referred to the tennis courts at this location as the “Bollettieri Tennis Courts.” This request recognizes Nick Bollettieri’s contributions to the sport of tennis and his connection to the local community.

Because the property is owned by the School District of Manatee County, the naming process must follow the District’s procedures. Based on discussions with the School District, the process begins with a formal request from the Board of County Commissioners. Approval of the proposed letter will initiate that process.

Attorney Review

Other (Requires explanation in field below) D’Agostino
Not formally reviewed; the CAO recommended the drafting of a letter to be transmitted to the School Board from the Board of County Commissioners.

See attached Agenda Update Memo 5.4.26

Instructions to Board Records

N/A By request, the executed letter was forwarded to Molly White, along with the stamped Approved Agenda packet 5/6/26, RT

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

None

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

None



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Updates to Agenda - May 4, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 4/4/26) for the meeting of May 5, 2026:

GENERIC PUBLIC COMMENTS

- This agenda item was updated with an additional generic comment.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 42, Item 42, Naming of King Middle Park to Nick Bolletieri Park

- This agenda item was updated to correct the Title to reflect Nick Bollettieri Park (it was misspelled).

Item 45, Onsite visit and report from the University of Florida concerning the Bishop Kennels

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 46, Suncoast Prosper

- This agenda item was updated with a further revised Tentative Agreement.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

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